

To the Students, Faculty, and Staff:

I wish to take this opportunity to welcome you back to campus and to provide an update on several topics as we begin another productive and invigorating semester at Claremont McKenna College.

First, I hope you will plan to join us at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 25 in McKenna Auditorium for The Claremont Colleges 2007 Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration, featuring keynote speaker Tavis Smiley, host of *The Tavis Smiley Show* on PBS. The program includes participation by all campuses of the Claremont University Consortium and is part of a weeklong MLK Day observance, *Pathways to Civic Action: The Conscience of a Nation*.

The College's 60th anniversary celebration continues this semester with a fine schedule of speakers and events. We were pleased to announce last week that President Bill Clinton will present a public lecture as the anniversary guest of Claremont McKenna College on Monday, April 16, at Bridges Auditorium. President Clinton's talk is free and open to the public, but advance tickets are required. Additional ticket information is available on the CMC web site.

We also are pleased and honored to welcome U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, who will speak at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum on January 31, and February 1 at the Orange County gathering of the College's *Res Publica* Society. Our second *Res Publica* speaker of the spring semester, Thomas Friedman, the Pulitzer Prize winning *New York Times* columnist and author of *The World is Flat*, will speak February 27 to Los Angeles guests, followed by an Athenaeum lecture.

I hope you also will mark your calendars for the College's 60th Anniversary Founders' Day activities, Friday, March 23. Events begin with a convocation ceremony at 11 a.m. (noon classes will be postponed), followed by an all-campus lunch and live music beginning at 12:15 p.m. on Parents Field. The day will be highlighted by a special dinner at Collins Dining Hall, followed by the Starlight Ball in McKenna Auditorium, revisiting the legendary event from the College's earliest days. Additional information, including convocation speakers and location, will be sent later this semester. I am grateful to the 60th Anniversary Planning Committee, and hope you will join us as we pause in this busy time to honor the College's past and look forward to our future.

A first-ever alumnae conference, *CMC Women in Real Life*, will follow Founder's Day, proceeding through the weekend, March 24-25. The conference will focus on the challenges and triumphs of alumnae, students, faculty, and other friends of the College, with a full schedule of events, panels, and guest speakers. Visit the conference web site at <http://berger.cmc.edu/AlumniConf/> for registration and information. Spouses, friends, and other guests are also welcome. I am grateful to the Berger Institute for Work, Family, and Children, and our many alumnae volunteers, for their leadership in this event.

Another centerpiece event, the second annual Henry R. Kravis Prize in Leadership, will be held March 29 in Los Angeles, following a presentation on-campus by the recipient. The prize was established in 2006 by Trustee Henry R. Kravis '67 and Marie-Josée Kravis to commemorate bold, visionary leadership in the non-profit arena, and includes a \$250,000 award to the honoree's organization. The Kravis Prize provides an important bridge for Claremont McKenna College to a cadre of internationally recognized leaders within the public and private sectors. We look forward to announcing the 2007 recipient later this month.

Academic Travel

Winter break provided stimulating travel opportunities for several student-faculty groups.

The 4th annual New York City Networking Trip, sponsored by the Financial Economics Institute and the Robert A. Day 4 + 1 BA/MBA Program, provided students with five days of real-world experience in the financial markets. Highlights included alumni company visits with Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, hosted by founding partner Henry Kravis '67, Bear Stearns with Tim Galbraith '87, managing director, and Goldman Sachs with vice president David Alvillar '01, as well as excellent sessions at Millbrook Partners, First Albany Capital, and Deloitte Consulting. A dinner was held at Cravath Swaine & Moore, and an Alumni Association reception at The Yale Club, with thanks to Alumnus Trustee Susan Matteson King '85 and Kristen Edgreen '98 for hosting. Students were accompanied by Janet Smith, the Von Tobel Professor of Economics and FEI director, Lisa Meulbroek, the Fritz B. Burns Professor of Economics, and Brian Dennis, FEI assistant director.

The annual Silicon Valley Networking Trip sponsored by the Informational Technology Advisory Board (ITAB) similarly provided outstanding experiences for 14 students interested in the technology sector. Visits included: Applied Materials, Inc., with George S. Davis '80, corporate vice president/treasurer; Cisco Systems with Alexei Agratchev '99, senior manager, software product development; Sun Microsystems with Bill MacGowan III, chief human resources office and executive vice president of people and places; Weston Presidio Capital Management with Trustee Jim McElwee '74, partner; Yahoo!, with Todd Teresi '94, vice president of global sales operations; and Google headquarters with Jonathan Rosenberg '83, senior vice president, product management, within days of the firm's number one ranking on *Fortune's* annual *Best Companies to Work For* rankings. A Silicon Valley alumni reception also included remarks from Jonathan, who discussed *Don't Bet Against the Internet*. Students were accompanied by Trustee Bart Evans '70, retired executive vice president and CEO, Dionex Corporation and chairman of the ITAB; and, from CMC, Cynthia Humes, chief technology officer, Steve Siegel '87, director of institute relations, and Jeremy Whaley, director of information systems and network services.

Off-Campus Study

Fifty-six students will study abroad this semester, with destinations including Spain, England, Egypt, and South Africa. Ten students (seven CMC and three Pomona College) are participating in this semester's Washington, D.C., program, with wide-ranging internships including CBS News, the Democratic Governors Association, the U.S. Holocaust National Museum, Wexler & Walker Public Policy Associates, the American Foreign Service Association, and the Office of the Speaker of the House.

Research Institutes

The College's 11 research institutes are a cornerstone of the Claremont McKenna College academic experience. Through their rich intellectual vigor and wide range of emphasis, the institutes offer unparalleled opportunities for our students.

Two institutes begin this semester with new leadership: Jonathan Petropoulos, the John V. Croul Professor of European History who previously served as director of the Gould Center for Humanistic Studies, has been named director of The Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights, where he also served as associate director. Professor Petropoulos, author of *The Royals and the Reich: The Princes von Hessen in Nazi Germany* (Oxford University Press, 2006) is the institute's second director, following the legendary founding director, Professor John Roth, the Edward J. Sexton Professor of Philosophy, Emeritus.

Robert Faggen, the Barton Evans and H. Andrea Neves Professor of Literature, has become director of the Gould Center. His latest book, *The Notebooks of Robert Frost* (Harvard University Press, 2006), has been met with great critical acclaim, most recently as the subject of an extensive review in *The New Republic*. Professor Faggen and Professor Petropoulos are distinguished and internationally recognized scholars and teachers. We look forward to their new roles in these important leadership positions.

Other research institute highlights include:

- The Berger Institute for Work, Family, and Children will sponsor the first-ever alumnae conference, *CMC Women in Real Life: The Work/Family Challenge*, March 24-25 on campus (see above). Topics will include: caring for children and parents, career planning, staying at home and returning to work, spouse/partner relationships, the politics of parenting, health and wellness, and workplace flexibility.
- The Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights will bring to campus Paul Shapiro, director of the Center for Advanced Studies at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, to discuss the new archive concerning Holocaust victims, recently opened in Germany. In addition, the Center will participate in the Los Angeles Opera's *Enchanted Voices* program, the project of renowned conductor James Conlon that highlights music during the Holocaust. Students will attend the opera and work with the LA Opera education department.
- The Financial Economics Institute will host guest speaker Andrew W. Lo, author of *Lizard Brains and the Stock Market: An Evolutionary Synthesis of Rational and Behavioral Finance*, February 13 at the Athenaeum.

- The Gould Center for Humanistic Studies, together with The Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights, will sponsor several speakers to complement the seminar led by Jerry Fowler, the Podlich Distinguished Visitor, on *Human Rights: Order/Disorder*. Included in the series will be: Professor Thomas Cushman of Wellesley College, *Orwell Into the 21st Century*; Carl Wilkens, the only American known to have stayed in Kigali, Rwanda throughout the 1994 genocide, on *Defying Genocide*; Uzodinma Iweala, the young Nigerian author of the acclaimed novel *Beasts of No Nation*; Rear Adm. John Huston (ret.), former Judge Advocate General, and Elisa Massimino of Human Rights First, on *Torture and the Global War on Terror*. Speakers will also include Paul Barolsky, Commonwealth Professor in the McIntire Department of Art at the University of Virginia and the Ricardo J. Quinones Distinguished Lecturer, on *Ovid's Metamorphoses and the History of Art*, and Hugo Vickers, biographer of the English royal family and author of *Elizabeth, The Queen Mother*. Two concerts remain in the Gould Center-American Jazz Institute series. The Billy Hart Octet (February 21), and The Rufus Reid Septet (March 21), will be held in Pickford Auditorium and are free and open to the public.
- The Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies will host several speakers this semester, including: Aaron Friedberg, professor of politics and international affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, the first holder of the Henry Kissinger Chair in Foreign Policy and International Relations at the Library of Congress; and Ellis Krauss, professor of international relations and Pacific studies, the University of California, San Diego, author of *Beyond Bilateralism: U.S.-Japan Relations in the New Asia Pacific*. The Keck Center series, *Middle Eastern Issues, Islam, and the War in Iraq*, hosted by Edward Haley, the W. M. Keck Foundation Chair of International Strategic Studies, will feature four special guests, including Vali Nasr, professor of Middle East and South Asia Politics, the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School and adjunct senior fellow, the Council on Foreign Affairs; and Lt. Col. James Gavrilis, special forces officer and military planner in Iraq.
- The Kravis Leadership Institute hosts the 17th Annual Kravis de Roulet Leadership Conference, with the topic *The Early Seeds of Leadership: Growing the Next Generation of Leaders*, February 25. Panels include guest speakers from Tufts University, the University of Minnesota, Gallup Leadership Institute at the University of Nebraska, and Harvard University.
- The Reed Institute for Applied Statistics will present its undergraduate colloquium series this spring, kicking off with Reed Institute post-doctoral fellow Brian Kriegler '01, followed by sessions in February, March, and April. In addition, the institute will sponsor the Athenaeum lecture by Harvard Medical School professor Julie Buring, deputy director of the division of preventative medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital, discussing *Special Issues in Women's Health*, February 22.
- The Rose Institute of State and Local Government will publish the *2007 Kosmont-Rose Institute Cost of Doing Business Survey* this spring. The survey contains a vast amount of data about various business, property, sales and utility taxes and other fees that affect business in some 400 communities nationwide, including

250 California cities. The institute participated in the launch of Honnold Library's Claremont Colleges Digital Library (CCDL) last fall and continues to work with library technicians this semester to scan maps and documents for both archiving and uploading to the digital library. The institute also continues its redistricting research, funded in part by Life Trustee Buzz Woolley '59 P'90'92. This semester the institute is studying trends toward partisan self-segregation in California communities, and also continues to provide advice and research to numerous groups working toward the creation of an independent redistricting commission for California. The institute is also in the final phase of implementing an archival grant funded by the Haynes Foundation, a critical first step in creating the Rose Institute's comprehensive California Political History Archive and Database.

Freeman Foundation Visitors

We are pleased to welcome three Freeman Foundation Visiting Professors during the spring semester, coordinated by Chae-Jin Lee, BankAmerica Professor of Pacific Basin Studies, professor of government, and director of the Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies.

The Hon. Moon Joon Chung is a member of the South Korea National Assembly, chairman of the board of Ulsan University, president of the Korean Football Association, and chairman of the board of Hyundai Heavy Industries Association. He is a graduate of Seoul National University and received an MBA from MIT and Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University. He spoke yesterday at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum on *The United States and South Korea: Changing Relations*. Alexander Panov, rector of the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, vice minister of foreign affairs, and former ambassador to Japan, South Korea, and Norway, is the author of *After Thunderstorm, Clear: Russian-Japanese Relations from 1996 to 2003*, and *From Distrust to Trust: Inside the Northern Territories' Talks with Japan*. In addition to his February 19 Athenaeum talk, Dr. Panov will also meet with Professor Lee's classes. Susan Shirk, professor of political science at the University of California, San Diego and former deputy assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, will give an Athenaeum lecture on April 2 and will also hold a seminar in Professor Lee's class and meet with students. She received her Ph.D. from MIT.

Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum

I hope you will mark your calendars to enjoy the splendid array of speakers planned for the spring season at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum. Please visit the Athenaeum web site for the complete schedule. In addition to the many speakers already noted, following are a few highlights:

- C. K. Williams, National Book Award-winning poet and instructor of creative writing, Princeton University
- Robert Audi, David E. Gallo Professor of Business Ethics, University of Notre Dame, on *The Problem of Evil: Divine Love and Human Suffering*
- David Schoenbrod, Trustee Professor of Law, New York Law School, on *Saving Our Environment from Washington*

- Adam Michnik, editor in chief, *Gazeta Wyborcza*, and Jan Gross, Norman B. Tomlinson '16 and '48 Professor of War and Society, Princeton University

Endowment Update

The College's endowment continues to show strong results, with a calendar year 2006 return of 21.79%, net of fees and gross of spending. This compares favorably to the S&P 500 Index return of 15.80% and the Lehman Aggregate Bond Index return of 4.33%. The College also finished strong in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, placing in the top 5% of a survey of more than 700 colleges and universities, with a 16.20 % return, net of fees and gross of spending. The mean return of this survey was 10.70 %.

Construction Update

Plans for the new residence hall to be built in Badgley Garden are in the final approval stages, with groundbreaking expected this summer and expected occupancy in fall '08. As previously discussed, the new residence hall was developed in response to the approval of growth of the College to 1,100 students in Claremont. I am grateful to the committee, which includes Trustees, students, faculty, and staff, for its excellent and thoughtful work in refining the building plans. Planning also continues on the expanded tennis facility south of Sixth Street, funded by Trustee Gary Biszantz '56 P'08. A web site for the new building projects will be launched near groundbreaking to provide ongoing updates to our community.

CMS Athletics

Please join me in congratulating Jodie Burton, women's basketball head coach and CMS senior women's administrator. The Athenas' victory last weekend over CalTech provided Coach Burton her 200th career conference win, the first woman in SCIAC history to achieve that milestone. Now in her 27th season at CMS, Coach Burton's overall record places her 15th in NCAA Division III history.

We pleased to welcome new women's lacrosse coach Sarah Queener, who joins CMS from Yale University, where she was a four-year starter for the Bulldogs and an important contributor her senior year to the team's 2003 Ivy League title and NCAA tournament appearance. In addition to strong results for her team, Sarah says she also hopes to increase the growth of lacrosse enthusiasm on the West Coast. CMS men's and women's swimming and diving teams are also enjoying a strong season following last weekend's win at Pomona-Pitzer, giving CMS a four-year sweep of their rivals for the first time. And for those Stags basketball fans who can't make it to every game, play-by-play is now available at <http://pointers.audiovideoweb.com/asxfiles-live/va92winlive2181.asx>, called by John Reilly '04. Thanks to our many dedicated scholar-athletes and their coaches.

Alumni, Parents, and Friends

We look forward to welcoming families and friends to Parents Weekend, February 17-19. I am deeply grateful to the many faculty and staff who are enthusiastically participating in a full weekend of seminars, sporting events, guest speakers, and social gatherings. It promises to be a memorable event.

CMCAA continues its splendid roster of chapter and alumni events, including the February 10 combined Los Angeles/New York chapter event to meet the legendary documentary filmmaker Albert Maysles, who will accompany alumni to the highly acclaimed Broadway musical *Grey Gardens*, based on his 1975 documentary. Chapter events are also set for Boston, San Diego, New York, London, Sacramento, and Geneva, with plans underway for a Euromet June 1-3. Many thanks to CMCAA President Laura (May) Grisolano '86 for her dedication and enthusiasm.

In reviewing just these few highlights of the work and dedication of the entire CMC community, I hope you agree that this promises to be an extraordinary semester in the life of Claremont McKenna College.